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Mayor Frank Isganitis
City of Rockland
Rockland, Maine 04841

September 4, 2015

Subject: Maine Freedom of Access Act request

Dear Mayor Isganitis

This letter is a request pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 408, the Maine Freedom of Access statute, to inspect at your office and to copy as necessary the following records: Meeting notes, records, letters, faxes, emails, attachments, phone notes, phone logs, photographs and other written and electronic records **written, received or recorded by you to or from any source, between July 28, 2015 and September 4, 2015, inclusive, that pertain to the proposed natural gas cogeneration power plant and related pipeline proposals being considered in or connecting to Rockland.**

If you choose to deny permission to physically inspect or copy any of the requested records, please state the reason for the denial, including the appropriate legal citation(s). If you need additional information to locate any of the documents requested, please call me at 691-7485 or email me at coastwatch@gmail.com

Friends of Penobscot Bay looks forward to receiving your acknowledgement within five (5) working days of your receipt of this letter, as required by 1 M.R.S.A. 409 (1).

We prefer to inspect, review and copy these requested records at the city office. However digital copies are acceptable provided they are in searchable-text pdf format except where not possible (maps, photo images, etc.). Please contact me to set an appointment to review these records. Contact by phone at 691-7485 or by email: coastwatch@gmail.com

Sincerely

Ron Huber

Ron Huber, Executive Director
Friends of Penobscot Bay

cc Brenda L. Kielty, Assistant Attorney General, Public Access



Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Rockland Energy Center

1 message

Nathan Davis <n.kroms.davis@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 1, 2015 at 11:09 AM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, williamclayton79@gmail.com, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Jim Chaousis <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

Hello City Council and Manager Chaousis,

As you might remember, on May 2 I e-mailed you an expression of cautious support for Rockland Energy Center. I have spent much of the past four months reading about natural gas and pondering the potential impact of a gas plant on Rockland, and I am sorry to report that my conscience now compels me to withdraw my support for the plant as it has been publicly presented. I've pasted a letter to the editor I just sent to The Courier-Gazette below. I want to emphasize (as I allude to in the final paragraph of my letter) that my new position is not a commentary on City government or your actions (which I generally support), and that my change of heart is primarily due to the much deeper knowledge I have now concerning the environmental challenges associated with natural gas. As I also mention in the letter, I will try to keep an open mind as the proposal evolves.

Best,
Nate

On May 2, near the start of the process of exploring whether or not the proposed natural gas power plant - to be called Rockland Energy Center - is right for Rockland, I wrote an e-mail of support to City Council and staff. In it, I wrote that "I will support the power plant, assuming that the details of its environmental and economic impact are consistent with what has been publicly suggested." I have concluded that this message was premature and that I erred in sending it. I attempt to address that error with this letter.

Over the past several months, I have learned much more about natural gas than I knew on May 2. I have read of the significant economic, security, and near-term environmental benefits of the US shale gas boom, as well as the challenges associated with natural gas extraction, transportation, and carbon and particulate pollution. I have concluded, along with many environmental, religious, scientific, and civic groups, that the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure is not consistent with our responsibility to build a future in which global suffering is minimized and global prosperity is shared. Climate change is the greatest threat facing humanity, and I do not support committing Rockland for decades to a fuel, infrastructure, and regulatory regime that are major sources of carbon pollution. It may be true that the US has achieved significant reductions in carbon emissions due to the displacement of coal and oil by natural gas ("may be true" because there is considerable ambiguity surrounding the magnitude of methane leaks and the degree to which cheap, plentiful energy normalizes increased energy consumption; if methane leaks are as high as some peer-reviewed scientific studies suggest, perceived reductions in emissions are either diminished or reversed), and it may be the case that such reductions will continue over the next several years. But over the next 20 years, technological and social shifts will almost certainly lead to dramatically increased efficiency and much cheaper and more powerful renewables, and I don't want Rockland to commit to a major project that might soon be regarded as an undesirable relic of a dirty past. It is often and truly observed that natural gas will be part of our energy mix for years to come. Acknowledging the truth of this observation is not inconsistent with acknowledging the wisdom of a necessary shift away from gas towards renewables. Indeed, the Obama administration recently released its Clean Power Plan rule in final form, and among the Plan's goals is to avoid expanding our reliance on natural gas as an electricity source while recognizing its current and future importance in our economy.

The economic benefits and consequences of a commitment to fossil fuels vary greatly according to scales of time and space at which they are computed. In the short term, a gas plant in Rockland would undoubtedly provide local economic benefits: tax revenue, jobs, potential cheap energy to local consumers and industry, and potential investment in local business and community projects. As a small business owner who struggles every day to make ends meet, I know firsthand the pain of high heating costs. But in the big picture, the economics of fossil fuels are considerably murkier. There is evidence that financial markets are mispricing the financial risk associated with increased government regulation, public opinion and pressure, and the physical realities of global warming. Divestment from fossil fuels is beginning to make sense from long-term financial as well as moral standpoints, so that financial self-interest is increasingly aligning with ethical responsibility in this regard. The macroeconomics of fossil fuels may or may not directly affect Rockland's relationship with a gas plant and pipeline and the companies that operate them, but they will affect whatever industry we welcome to our City.

How can one weigh the potential economic benefits of a gas plant (and an associated ethical imperative to help our City and its residents achieve prosperity) against an ethical imperative to move away from fossil fuels? There can be no quantitative answer, for how can one quantify an ethical imperative? One must gather data and experience, and then try to discern the greater good with whatever imperfect judgment one possesses. In my e-mail to Council, I wrote that "I must treat [Rockland's] economic prosperity as a greater cause than my moral constancy and comfort". Having spent months contemplating this issue, I now take an opposing view: I must treat the ethical imperative to address the global challenge of climate change as a greater cause than the potential economic benefits of a gas plant.

This has been a personal and painful internal struggle for me, and it is not over. I encourage Rockland's residents and Council to read and to learn, and to follow their minds and hearts in whatever directions they may lead. My current position is founded upon the information concerning the power plant which has been publicly presented thus far. It is likely that the final proposal for Rockland Energy Center will evolve substantially, and if so, I will keep an open mind in evaluating it.

Some closing points: First, I believe that City Council and staff are doing their best to promote the economic development of Rockland in the context of a very difficult fiscal situation. I thank them for their dedication and service. I appreciate that the City is hosting public forums on this matter, and I appreciate the time granted to the residents of Rockland for deliberation. Second, if a power plant is not built where City Hall now stands, I hope that the City will continue to seek productive uses for this land. I would love to see City Hall move to a more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly location. Finally, this power plant will not make or break Rockland. Whatever happens, I remain optimistic about the future of our beloved City.

Sincerely,
Nathan Davis



Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

EMI and Rockland

1 message

Kathryn Fogg <iringa67@yahoo.com>

Sat, Aug 29, 2015 at 8:43 PM

Reply-To: Kathryn Fogg <iringa67@yahoo.com>

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Until our recent forum on the matter, I was neutral on the subject other than not liking it to be at the entrance to the City. Since the forum, I have turned against the project. The length of use of such a facility is too short to inflict such a scar on the City's landscape.

EMI has built 6 gas plants and then sold them. Who would tear this plant down when it is no longer useful? Who might buy this plant and for what purpose? What other plans might evolve with the construction of this plant? Maine has a surplus of energy and no way of getting out additional sources unless additional transmission lines are built. Are the few users in the Midcoast area the real customers? Is a \$40 million dollar pipeline to be built? Is there really a plan to sell natural gas overseas? I do not see that the City is considering hiring a consultant that can make sure that the City is not being led down a road where it lacks enough knowledge of all the implications.

At a time when renewable energy technology is increasing rapidly, why are we in such a rush to implement continued carbon dioxide and methane emissions. Why are we not instead considering what technology is developing to use ocean tides.

Hawaii is going in the direction of renewables and is testing tidal power. Other countries around the world are already using tidal power. There are concerns that would need to be looked at including the protection of marine life. Tidal power is considered more consistent than either solar or wind power. We should not be building a very large plant saying it will only be transient power. Once it is here we will have problems getting rid of it further down the road, whether it is abandoned or the owner goes into bankruptcy.

Rockland, the bride, need not accept the first suitor. It is not true that residents are anti-business but do not want something forced upon them that will be a detriment to the community in a period of only 25 years.

I have attached a couple of articles I have recently seen.

Kathryn Fogg Hill
84 Grace St
Rockland, Maine
596-0117

Hawaii's Going 100 Percent Renewable, And It's Not Using Natural Gas As A 'Transition'



Hawaii's Going 100 Percent Renewable, And It's Not Usin...

The company aiming to buy Hawaii's utilities should probably pay attention to this.



[View on thinkprogress.org](#)

Preview by Yahoo

This 45-Ton Buoy Might Change The Way You Get Your Power



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Hawaii is turning its greatest resource -- the ocean -- to power.

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Unprecedented

1 message

Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 22, 2015 at 8:51 AM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Larry Pritchett <LarryPritchett.Council@gmail.com>, William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

POSTED BY: MAGGIE TROUT | Aug 21, 2015 22:56

Holy cripes, Myslabodski. North Korea? I heard no bias in the presentations, and thought they handily proved that the cogeneration plant is not feasible for Rockland, I did not feel suppressed, nor denied freedom of expression; it was a presentation.

I've never measured the gas output of Belted Galloways and doubt Mr. Buxton has either.

POSTED BY: DAVID E MYSLABODSKI | Aug 21, 2015 22:30

The moment The People walked into city hall we all felt we were, somehow, transported to North Korea and that we were attending an obligatory "re-education" session because we had disrespected The Supreme Leader.

For a moment let us leave aside the fact that this was a censored "forum" were The People had zero chance of speaking. First Amendment anyone?



Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Fwd: Kathleen Florance statement on Evans Coleman

5 messages

Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com> Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 8:23 AM
To: James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Larry Pritchett <LarryPritchett.Council@gmail.com>, William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>

Good morning,

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From: **Debby** <parthedy@gmail.com>

Date: Friday, August 21, 2015

Subject: Fwd: Kathleen Florance statement on Evans Coleman

To: Valli Geiger <Valli@midcoast.com>, Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Sandra Schramm" <sschramm1@roadrunner.com>

Date: August 20, 2015 at 7:52:27 PM EDT

To: <Undisclosed-Recipient:;>

Subject: Kathleen Florance statement on Evans Coleman



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Kathleen Florance

August 17 at 10:00pm · BDN Maine Blogs

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Jim Chaousis <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 12:46 PM

To: Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemacellannruf@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Larry Pritchett <LarryPritchett.Council@gmail.com>, William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>

To all,

The City is familiar with Evan's intern work with single stream recycling when he was in college.

Full disclosure, I left some papers undelivered when I had a paper route.

Jim C

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 1:07 PM

Well said. "Well respected nurse and artist". How is that relevant to energy?

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Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>
To: Jim Chaousis <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>
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Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 1:22 PM

So you're the reason I missed the sale of Peanuts at Hannaford's. No flyer.

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Debby Atwell <parthedy@gmail.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Larry Pritchett <LarryPritchett.Council@gmail.com>, William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 21, 2015 at 3:04 PM

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From: **Sandra Schramm** <sschramm1@roadrunner.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 7:52 PM

Subject: Kathleen Florance statement on Evans Coleman

To:



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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

FW: Power Point slides for Pen Bay Pilot

1 message

Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 9:46 PM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

Cc: Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Lousie MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Hi All,

This does not look like some of the City/local press related email threads of late, so I thought I would pass it along.

While they have only ran one story, the Pilot attended the last three Energy Committee meetings.

I have attached PDF's of two of the presentations (Cunningham/CLF and Everett/SMRT).

Kate's slides include her notes on the following page (where there were notes)

The third prez (Schneider/OPA) is coming (tomorrow).

Larry

From: Lynda Clancy [mailto:lyndaclancy@penbaypilot.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 20:14

To: Larry Pritchett

Cc: 'Sarah Thompson'

Subject: Re: Power Point slides for Pen Bay Pilot

Tim was outstanding. A real asset to the conversation.

Thanks, Larry.

We will attach their presentations to the story.

On Aug 20, 2015, at 8:09 PM, "Larry Pritchett" <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

I have not checked, but I have an email saying the forum is online. The Energy Committee meant to get the PDF's on the web site.

I have attached Kate's and Greg's. I do not have Tim's. I will get Brooks to send them over tomorrow.

Larry

From: Sarah Thompson [mailto:sarah412pen@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 19:36
To: Larry Pritchett
Subject: Power Point slides for Pen Bay Pilot

Hi Larry,

That was a great forum last night.

Any chance you could forward the slides to us? And, is the recording of the forum online?

Thanks,

Sarah Thompson

Penobscot Bay Pilot

2 attachments

 **2015_08.19_SMRT_Everett_CHP_District_Energy_Forum_Slides_Notes.pdf**
2101K

 **2015_08.19_CLF_Cunningham_CHP_Energy_Forum.pdf**
804K



Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Community Forum on CHP, District Energy & Natural Gas 8.19.2015

3 messages

Phyllis Merriam <pbamerriam@gmail.com> Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 10:29 AM
To: jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, "LarryPritchett.Council" <LarryPritchett.Council@gmail.com>, Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, valli.citycouncil@gmail.com, abell@ci.rockland.me.us

Thank you so much for providing the community forum last evening on this critical topic for Rockland's future and especially to Larry Pritchett and the energy committee for putting together the diverse panel.

Rockland residents had the benefit of transparency compared to the first forum on this topic.

I personally have arrived at some serious reservations about the carbon pollution a huge EMI plant would emit. It also does not seem like a 21st Century solution to our city's energy needs. We as residents, and as elected officials, need to do judicious planning more than 20 to 30 years out to consider the next two and three generations, who are already here, and will be impacted positively or negatively from our and your legacies.

I am hoping the city can find the funding to hire a qualified attorney who can accurately vet EMI's proposal, as was recommended last evening. Are there grants available? Can residents and businesses contribute to a fund?

In appreciation,
Phyllis Merriam, LCSW
72 Mechanic St.
Rockland, ME

Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com> Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 11:48 AM
To: Phyllis Merriam <pbamerriam@gmail.com>
Cc: James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>, "LarryPritchett.Council" <LarryPritchett.Council@gmail.com>, Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, "Valli.citycouncil@gmail.com" <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. I share your reservations along with your suggestion. Councilor Geiger has pointed out that it's not uncommon for a municipality to select an attorney of their preference with the developer bearing the cost. Certainly, Rockland residents should not.

Best,
Frank Isganitis
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Phyllis Merriam <pbamerriam@gmail.com> Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 3:17 PM
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Thank you for your response. I (and others) were left with the impression, after the first energy forum, that the city council was strongly favoring EMI, so I am heartened that some council have reservations. I agree Rockland residents should not bear the costs of hiring an attorney to vet EMI and their proposal.

Regards,
Phyllis Merriam, LCSW
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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

8/19 Forum > Comments

4 messages

Larry Pritchett <larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com>

Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 1:15 AM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

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But, so far, the majority of the comments I have heard have been positive about that approach -- at least for a forum with the goals this one had. There will be other opportunities for the public to express opinions. The Energy Committee would welcome comments on the substance of the questions and issues the EMI proposal raises.

Brooks and I (and other staff from the Island Institute along with the Vinalhaven Town Manager, who is a former Island Institute staffer) debated the questions raised until pretty late (note the time on this email). Whether you were in the audience, or watching at home, send me an email or give me a call with you take away points.

My take away points are all of the panelist did a pretty good job of their assigned tasks. I think the panel did a good job of laying out the complexity of the questions raised by the EMI proposal. I also think all the panelist did a pretty good job of beginning to establish a lists of point by which the community should judge the proposal.

I probably should have done a little better job of reigning in the panelists' more geeky leanings (until we were all seated, I did not think about how high the geek factor actually was). It is rare for the City to put out that much info on a really challenging and complex topic. I will be interested to see what the press does with that.

I am sure there are some lessons to be gleaned (for equally complex issues like Lindsey Brook, stormwater management, etc.). I have attached the agenda handout for folks who were not in attendance. If anyone wants a copy of the "Panelist Agenda" which contains more info, let me know.

Many Thanks!

Larry
594-8806



2015_08.19_Rockland_Energy_Agenda_Handout_Final.docx

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William Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 5:17 AM

To: Larry Pritchett <larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com>

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Good morning Larry,

First of all congratulations and great job last night. I think it went brilliantly. For any negativity levelled about public comment it is unwarranted. Last night was about getting detailed information and answers from the leaders in the industry and not trying to railroad them as they dont have a quantifiable stake in EMI's bid. I think the next public forum on this could be open for public comment, but not last night.

We will be on the island until Sunday but I will try and send along my comments and further questions to you for the Energy Committee's consumption and thought.

Once again great job!

Will

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

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Have to echo Will's statement. I tuned in around 8:45pm was really impressed with how well the debate was going. It seemed very balanced and even. Great job!

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Larry Pritchett <larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com>

Wed, Aug 26, 2015 at 2:55 PM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

Cc: Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Lousie MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Hi All,

I missed that the Pen Bay Pilot put up a story about the last week's energy forum on Monday. I knew the Pilot was working on a story, but I forgot about it. The link to the story is below. I am pretty sure the Free Press will have a story in this week's edition as well. I had previously emailed Kate and Greg's slides. Tim's are attached.

Larry

<http://www.penbaypilot.com/article/rockland-urged-do-homework-proposed-cogeneration-plant/58034>

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 01:16

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I am sure there are some lessons to be gleaned (for equally complex issues like Lindsey Brook, stormwater management, etc.). I have attached the agenda handout for folks who were not in attendance. If anyone wants a copy of the "Panelist Agenda" which contains more info, let me know.

Many Thanks!
Larry
594-8806

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Energy > Forum > May 26 > Info > Questions

11 messages

Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 11:11 AM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, James Chaousis <jimchaousis@gmail.com>

Cc: Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Lousie MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Morning All,

As you may recall, Energy Committee member Brooks Winner recorded (on screen where folks could see it) the key questions and ideas raised during the May 26th Public Forum. The committee members and staff have used those questions to select participants for and determine the format of the August 19th follow up forum.

What attendees should see next Wednesday evening is each of the invited folk will speak briefly to two or three questions/issues (different for each person and based on each person's area of expertise) identified at the May 26th forum.

Before going to the next speaker/presenter, there will be an opportunity for discussion/debate among the presenters and some follow up from community members. As JimC alluded to in an email yesterday, I suspect the discussion/debate among presenters might prove to be the most informative and engaging part of the evening.

The attached file merges EMI's slides from the May 26th forum with Brook's notes on issues, questions, and ideas raised by the community. In the attached PDF file the comments and questions from the community have been grouped topically. This file is also up on the City's web site. I wanted to be sure Council members had this info.

In short, the City has seven pages of questions raised by and ideas from the community. Next Wednesday is an opportunity to hear folk with decades of experience in the fields of energy, environmental advocacy, and utility regulation discuss those issues and have the community ask follow up questions.

Best,
Larry
594-8806

Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
Cc: James Chaousis <jimchaousis@gmail.com>, Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Lousie MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 12:01 PM

Thanks to you and Brooks for copious notes!

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, James Chaousis <jimchaousis@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>
Cc: Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Lousie MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 11:27 AM

Well, I flat out screwed up. We have company coming from out of town for dinner tonight, and I am cooking. Forgot to put it on my calendar. I will not be able to attend tonight's forum. But I have a couple of questions I am hoping could be asked or added to the list for tonight's panel.

1. Solar or Wind alternatives - Opponents keep talking in this regard. What would be the size and cost, respectively, for projects of similar output of the proposed co-generation plant?
2. Natural Gas as a bridge fuel - I understand long term reliance on fossil fuels is short sighted. Natural gas burns cleaner than coal or #2 heating oil, so there is value in improving the environment by providing the option locally. So my question is this, "How long is the 'bridge'?" What I mean to say is can the experts tell us the anticipated length of time before more sustainable energy resources such as solar and wind will be more readily available from a performance and economic perspective? Given the anticipated 30 year economic life of the proposed project, would this occur within that time?

Thank you.
Frank

On Fri, Aug 14, 2015 at 11:11 AM, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com> wrote:

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Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 12:09 PM

Hi Frank,

Questions virtually identical to these are already on the list.
Thanks. These are key points we do not want to miss.

Best,
Larry

From: Frank Isganitis [mailto:frankisganitis@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:27

To: Larry Pritchett; James Chaousis; Audra Bell

Cc: Will Clayton; Lousie MacLellan-Ruf; Valli Geiger
Subject: Re: Energy > Forum > May 26 > Info > Questions

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Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 12:41 PM

Dear Frank,

What's for dinner?
What time?

Louise

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 12:53 PM

lol. garlic spread might be a good appetizer, lol. btw, do you have any ideas what to cook? i still have to shop and can't decide.

;)

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Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 2:16 PM

Quick marinated pork loin thrown on the grill.

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 4:09 PM

PJ wanted steak, so I made him volunteer to make Café Miranda Brussel sprouts as the veg. Houston, we have a menu. Thanks. Good luck tonight. I hope everyone is cooperative.

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Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 4:12 PM

Yum!

I think it will go well. There will a pass the hat to ask questions. None of the panelists are connected to the REC. I hope the public understands this.

Enjoy your dinner. I will be having potstickers.

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 4:27 PM

Sounds good.

If you see the others, do you want to float the idea of letting Ron Huber, Debbi Atwell and Amy Files host their own forum. Renew Rockland and Citizens for clean air for children can have their public say, and the city can offer the space and recording. Won't change their minds about us, but changes their claim that we don't let them speak. Just a thought...

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Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 6:07 PM

I will mention it.

Enjoy your evening Frank. You deserve it.

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

FW: ENEGRY > Public Forum > Natural Gas > Combined Heat & Power > Wednesday > 8/19 > City Hall

2 messages

Larry Pritchett <larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com>

Sun, Aug 16, 2015 at 7:51 PM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

Cc: Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Lousie MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Hi All,

Earlier today I put the energy forum press release which you received last Tuesday, with some minor tweaks plus graphics and links added, on my web site (<http://pritchett4rockland.typepad.com/larry/>).

A little while ago I sent the following email (which includes links to the web site) to all of the addresses on my campaign email list. I will put links up on Facebook later today (or at this rate probably tomorrow morning). Given the interest in this topic I wanted all of Council to have this info.

Also, I would encourage all Councilors to share info on this energy forum by whatever means typically works, and seem appropriate, for each member of Council (i.e., post something about it on your Facebook page, forward this email to others, draft an email of your own to send, etc.).

Also, as noted last week, feel free to direct any questions you may receive about the 8/19 forum to Audra or I. Hope to see you Wednesday!

Larry
594-8806

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com]

Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2015 18:59

To: 'Larry@Pritchett4Rockland.Com'

Subject: ENEGRY > Public Forum > Natural Gas > Combined Heat & Power > Wednesday > 8/19 > City Hall

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As you all know, I do not send out very many "group" emails -- maybe six or seven a year. I realize it feels like we all get too many. That said, given the importance of the questions, I am emailing to invite all members of the community to a public forum Wednesday Evening:

Combined Heat & Power, District Energy, And Natural Gas:

Is This A Good Option For Rockland?

August 19, Rockland City Hall

6:30 PM

(For More Info See <http://pritchett4rockland.typepad.com/larry/>)

As most of you are aware, Energy Management Inc approached the City back in March to explore the

concept of constructing a combined heat and power (CHP or CoGen) plant and local district energy system in Rockland. This concept is an opportunity that raises a number of challenging questions, such as:

- 1) In an era when the goal is to reduce carbon emissions released into the air, how does a community weigh the merits of a new natural gas fired combined heat and power plant and a new district energy system to supply locally generated power to parts of the City?
- 2) In Rockland where specialty manufacturing is key to the strength of the year round economy, how critical is natural gas to the viability and competitive position of these businesses for the next thirty years (or more)?
- 3) Natural gas driven combined heat and power plants supplying electricity and other forms of energy (steam, hot water, etc.) are a key part of a number of universities' and research hospitals' strategies to reduce carbon & other air emissions and to provide resilient locally generated power. Is this a good approach for Rockland?

On Wednesday evening several people from a variety of backgrounds (utility regulation, environmental advocacy, etc.) with decades of experience will be at City Hall to discuss these questions with the community.

As noted above, more information is on my web site (<http://pritchett4rockland.typepad.com/larry/>). I hope you will review this information and make an effort to attend Wednesday evening's public forum. I believe these questions warrant thoughtful consideration by all of us. Please share this with anyone who is interested.

Thanks!
Councilor Larry R. Pritchett

Chair, City of Rockland Energy Committee

LarryPritchett.Council@GMail.Com

Phone: (207) 594-8806

Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 8:47 AM

To: Larry Pritchett <larry.r.pritchett@outlook.com>

Cc: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, "jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us" <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>, Will Clayton <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Valli Geiger <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Hello all,

I did reach out to Charlie Jordon. He is a face and voice that is very respected in our town. I have asked him to attend the meeting as an audience member. He is making himself available.

No doubt Larry you feel comfortable to call on him about the safety of today's plants versus the plants of yesteryear? Even though the experts will tout the same safeness the community knows and trusts Charlie. This carries much more weight.

Since safety is one of the number one concerns it makes sense to address it head on in a succinct and simple upfront manner.

Thanks for your attention to this.

Louise

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

FW: Rockland Energy Center

1 message

Jim Chaousis <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 1:21 PM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, williamclayton79@gmail.com, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, Louise MacLellan-Ruf <louisemacellanruf@gmail.com>, valli.citycouncil@gmail.com

FYI

From: Jim Chaousis [mailto:jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us]

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 1:21 PM

To: 'Stephen Betts' <sbetts@bangordailynews.com>

Subject: RE: Rockland Energy Center

Steve,

Rockland Energy Center executed the option on August 1st. They are paying the option payment of \$1,000. Other than the in person meeting, when they signed the option, there has not been any correspondence with Rockland Energy Center. I know they are working diligently to put together a proposal for the City.

Jim C

James D Chaousis II, City Manager

City of Rockland

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Rockland, ME 04841

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jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

From: Stephen Betts [mailto:sbetts@bangordailynews.com]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:48 AM
To: James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>
Subject: Rockland Energy Center

Jim,

Has Rockland Energy Center executed the option for the city land? A story I had in May quotes from a letter from Mitchell Jacobs said the company planned to execute the option within 30 days from that point.

Are they paying the monthly \$1,000 payment as part of that option?

Has there been any correspondence from them during the past month?

Thanks

Steve



Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Fwd: Public hearing Wednesday 6:30 on fracked gas plant in Rockland

2 messages

Rockland Main Street , Inc. <rocklanddowntown@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 2:42 PM

Reply-To: rocklanddowntown@gmail.com

To: Frank City Council <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>, Audra Caler-Bell Rockland CD <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

All,

You may already know about this, but I'm forwarding it to you in the event you are not aware of this planned activity.

GP

I'll see you on Main Street!

Gordon Page, Sr. - Executive Director
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207 593 6093 - Direct Line

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"If we do this right, every small business will want to be located in downtown Rockland and everyone else will want to work, play and live here."

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From: **Transition Initiative Rockland** <transitiontownrockland@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 11:29 AM

Subject: Public hearing Wednesday 6:30 on fracked gas plant in Rockland

To: Transition Initiative Rockland <transitiontownRockland@gmail.com>

Cc: adshaw@gmail.com, amy@wilderbydesign.com

Greetings Transition towners,

Perhaps many of you have already heard about the proposal before the Rockland City Council to sell the city hall to a power company. This company would redevelop the site into an electric/heat co-generation plant that would burn natural gas from fracked reserves.

While the company would have you believe that natural gas is a 'green' form of energy and that it is a bridge fuel to some sustainable future, it is in fact a bridge to nowhere. By some estimates, the total systemic costs of fracked gas may be double that of coal if you add up all the fugitive emissions of methane leaked into the atmosphere.

With that, new forming group, Renew Rockland invites you to ride with us to the August 19th meeting about the Rockland, ME natural gas power plant proposal. A natural gas plant is proposed to be located at 270 Pleasant Street, currently City Hall, of Rockland, ME. Residents have many questions and concerns—come to the meeting to find out more about its environmental impact, economic impact, and potential location of the new midcoast natural gas pipeline that will be needed to feed it.

All you need is your bike and your helmet!

WHERE: we will meet in the middle of the Harbor Park parking lot—in the big grassy island area

WHEN: Wednesday, August 19th we will gather at 5:30pm and begin our ride at 5:45 pm. We plan to ride down Pleasant Street to Rockland City Hall, located at 270 Pleasant Street.

Check our Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/renewthemidcoast

See you there!

-Jesse



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Jim Chaousis <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

Mon, Aug 17, 2015 at 2:44 PM

To: rocklanddowntown@gmail.com, Frank City Council <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Audra Caler-Bell
Rockland CD <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Thank you Gordon.

From: Rockland Main Street , Inc. [<mailto:rocklanddowntown@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 2:43 PM

To: Frank City Council <frankisganitis@gmail.com>; James D Chaousis II
<jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>; Audra Caler-Bell Rockland CD <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>

Subject: Fwd: Public hearing Wednesday 6:30 on fracked gas plant in Rockland

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Energy Forum

6 messages

Susan Ware Page <SusanW@maritimeenergy.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 9:47 AM

To: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, "jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us" <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>
Cc: Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, "louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com" <louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com>, "valli.citycouncil@gmail.com" <valli.citycouncil@gmail.com>, "williamclayton79@gmail.com" <williamclayton79@gmail.com>, Charlie Page <charliep@maritimeenergy.com>, John Ware <JohnW@maritimeenergy.com>

Hello,

I read last night on BDN that there will be an energy public forum next week. I was not aware of this.

Will anyone be able to ask questions/make comments at this public forum? What is the time allotment?

Who are the members on the energy advisory committee?

Is there a date set for the vote to go to referendum? If not, when is it expected?

Any resolution on where to place City Hall/Public Works and have you nailed down plans & costs that Rockland Energy says they'll pay for?

Has any city official done an analysis study (I suggested this to you Frank) as to the negative economic impact in our communities as well as the potential positive? I think it's important to look at everything.

Larry, Frank, Jim...I'm not sure who is best to answer my questions, so I've copied Audra and the respective Councilors.

Look forward to your response. Please put in writing, so I have for the record.

Thank you,

Susan

The city of Rockland's energy advisory committee and the city's community and economic development committee will be hosting a public forum next Wednesday evening (6:30 p.m. Aug. 19) at city hall related to the proposed natural gas-fired power plant. Speakers will be Tim Schneider, the state's public advocate; Greg Cunningham, vice president and director of Clean Energy and Climate Change program; and Anthony Buxton who is the chair of the Pretu Flaherty law firm's energy and utilities practice group. The public is invited to come and listen to the presentations and ask questions.

Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 11:00 AM

To: Susan Ware Page <SusanW@maritimeenergy.com>, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

Cc: Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com, valli.citycouncil@gmail.com, williamclayton79@gmail.com, Charlie Page <charliep@maritimeenergy.com>, John Ware <JohnW@maritimeenergy.com>

Hi Susan,

A press release with more details than in my verbal summary about the public forum at Council meeting last night will go out at lunch time. That should answer some of your questions below. Perhaps Audra as Economic Develop Director and I as Energy Committee Chair could arrange a time to with you about energy questions?

Best,
Larry
594-8806

From: Susan Ware Page [mailto:SusanW@maritimeenergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 09:47

To: 'Larry Pritchett'; 'Frank Isganitis'; 'jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us'

Cc: 'Audra Bell'; louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com; valli.citycouncil@gmail.com;

williamclayton79@gmail.com; Charlie Page; John Ware

Subject: Energy Forum

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Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 1:20 PM

To: Susan Ware Page <SusanW@maritimeenergy.com>, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us

Cc: Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com, valli.citycouncil@gmail.com, williamclayton79@gmail.com, Charlie Page <charliep@maritimeenergy.com>, John Ware <JohnW@maritimeenergy.com>

Hi Susan,

Press release is attached. I have a meeting at 1:30, so I'll answer the simplest question below. I chair the City's Energy Committee and the Committee for years has been focused on energy efficiency and building envelope projects in City government and sharing what the City learns with owners of commercial and historic buildings.

The Energy Committee members are Brooks Winner (who is the Community Energy Associate at the Island Institute), Deb Donnelly (whose husband is a master electrician who works on a range of

commercial scale solar projects primarily out of state); Bill Pearce (who was a founding member of the Committee and a member of the Sierra Club's Executive Committee at the time); and Tony Coyne (who was a home energy auditor and installer before retiring).

Suzanne MacDonald who directs the Island Institute's Community Energy program has served on the Committee. A lot of informal info sharing (& some cosponsoring of projects) occurs between the City and the Institute. More info soon.

Larry
594-8806

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:01
To: 'Susan Ware Page'; 'Frank Isganitis'; jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us
Cc: 'Audra Bell'; louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com; valli.citycouncil@gmail.com;
williamclayton79@gmail.com; 'Charlie Page'; 'John Ware'
Subject: RE: Energy Forum

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Susan Ware Page <SusanW@maritimeenergy.com> Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 3:44 PM
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Larry & Frank,

Thank you for sending along the information. Please see my questions below highlighted in yellow that I'm requesting answers to.

Our childcare is closed next week for summer vacation and Wednesday is we had plans to be out of town with the kids. I have now cancelled our hotel reservations, so I can be in attendance at this forum.

I wish we were all given more notice.

Can you let me know about the questions highlighted in yellow?

Thanks,

Susan

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:20 PM

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 4:22 PM

To: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, James D Chaousis II <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

I am going to step out of this as you are the experts. My understanding is that we are having all of Susan's (and the public's) questions addressed. As for scheduling the referendum, it doesn't make sense to do anything until we finish the public participation. It's OK to tell her that. Thanks for your patience and perseverance.

Best,
Frank

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Jim Chaousis <jchaousis@ci.rockland.me.us>

Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 3:22 PM

To: Susan Ware Page <SusanW@maritimeenergy.com>, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Cc: Audra Bell <abell@ci.rockland.me.us>, louisemaclellanruf@gmail.com, valli.citycouncil@gmail.com, williamclayton79@gmail.com, Charlie Page <charliep@maritimeenergy.com>, John Ware <JohnW@maritimeenergy.com>

Mrs. Page,

I will attempt to answer your questions.

Will anyone be able to ask questions/make comments at this public forum? What is the time allotment?

The structure of the forum will be dependent on the Energy Committee. Based on the knowledge level of the speakers, I would expect some unfettered speaking with some public interaction. I'm sure time will depend on the number if public speakers present. This is not a legislative/regulatory hearing but an educational forum.

Who are the members on the energy advisory committee?

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7 MEMBERS

3-YEAR TERM

William Pearce	39 Mountain View Ext	594-8413	2016
Suzanne MacDonald	54 Pacific Street	Not Listed	2015
Anthony Coyne	41 Highland Street	Not Listed	2015

Larry Pritchett	39 Brewster St (POB 126)	594-8806	2017
Deborah Donnelly	188 Bog Road	594-9442	2017
Brooks Winner	7 Granite St. Apt. 1	358-0219	2016
Vacant			2016

The Mayor and City Manager (or designees) shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee

Is there a date set for the vote to go to referendum? If not, when is it expected?

The referendum is dependent on a purchase and sale of the City land. That is not completed or even close. It is nearly impossible to predict when, or if, there will be a referendum.

Any resolution on where to place City Hall/Public Works and have you nailed down plans & costs that Rockland Energy says they'll pay for?

That is an important part of the negotiation that is nowhere near completion.

Has any city official done an analysis study (I suggested this to you Frank) as to the negative economic impact in our communities as well as the potential positive? I think it's important to look at everything.

These studies would be paid for by the developer based on zoning conditions or negotiated terms. As I stated before, we are not close to that stage.

I hope my answers are helpful. Thank you.

James D Chaousis II, City Manager

City of Rockland

270 Pleasant Street

Rockland, ME 04841

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From: Susan Ware Page [mailto:SusanW@maritimeenergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 3:45 PM

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Subject: RE: Energy Forum

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FW: Rockland > Community Forum > August 19th > 6:30 PM

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Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com> Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 11:55 AM
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Hi All,

This went to the press a few minutes ago. Please feel free to direct any press/community questions to Audra or I.

Larry

From: Larry Pritchett [mailto:larrypritchett.council@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:49
To: 'Larry Pritchett'; 'Audra Bell'
Cc: Dan Dunkle ; 'Juliette Laaka'; 'Stephen Betts'; 'Alan Hinsey'; Don Carrigan ; 'Lynda Clancy'; news@penbaypilot.com; 'Andy O'Brien'; publisher@freepressonline.com; 'Abby Norman'
Subject: Rockland > Community Forum > August 19th > 6:30 PM

Dear All,

Rockland's Energy Committee and the City's Department of Community and Economic Developing is sponsoring a community forum "Combined Heat & Power & Natural Gas: Would This Benefit Rockland?" next Wednesday (8/19) at City Hall. Press release attached. Please contact us with any questions.

Larry R. Pritchett
Chair, City of Rockland Energy Committee
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Audra Caler-Bell
Community and Economic Development Director
Phone: (207) 594-0306

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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 12:49 PM

Thanks Larry.
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Mainebiz Article on Rockland

6 messages

Rick Dacri <rdacri@dacriassociates.com>

Wed, Jul 29, 2015 at 5:17 PM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>, Larry Pritchett <larrypritchett.council@gmail.com>, James Chaousis <jimchaousis@gmail.com>

Great article in this week's Mainebiz. You folks are obviously making great economic strides and it's nice to see you getting positive press. Congratulations and continued success to you.

Rick Dacri
Dacri & Associates, LLC
207-229-5954
rick@dacri.com
Sent from my iPad

Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 29, 2015 at 5:48 PM

To: Rick Dacri <rdacri@dacriassociates.com>

Thanks Rick. If only we could get the local media so enthralled.....

Best,
Frank

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Rick Dacri <rdacri@dacriassociates.com>

Wed, Jul 29, 2015 at 8:13 PM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Yes, I agree. I would get this piece out to your citizens. Maybe put it on your website and discuss it at a Council meeting. its a good story. I would also not give your local media, especially the BDN so much power. That reporter inflates the smallest issues.

Rick Dacri
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Rick Dacri <rdacri@dacriassociates.com>

Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 8:49 AM

To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Are you coming to the ICMA conference August 12-13? It should be another good one and I am speaking on strategic planning. Hope to see you there.

Rick Dacri
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**Author of book
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Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>
To: Rick Dacri <rdacri@dacriassociates.com>

Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 2:47 PM

I am unable to attend due to business obligations called "summer in Maine", lol

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Rick Dacri <rdacri@dacriassociates.com>
To: Frank Isganitis <frankisganitis@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 31, 2015 at 3:18 PM

probably don't want to cancel summer

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